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FATAL ACCIDENT
ON ROCK ISLAND

FIVE KILLED AND SEVERAL FA-
TALLY HURT.

FIRE ADDS HORROR TO WRECK

Passengers Imprisoned in Burning
Pullman. One of Finest Rock Is-
land Trains Running at High
Speed Left Track Without Warning.

Associated Press.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—Imprisoned in the tourist sleeping cars and burned to death is believed to be the fate of perhaps twelve passengers on the west bound California special on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad three miles east of Trenton today. The number of victims may be larger, but the facts will not be known until the debris of the cars burned have been searched.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—Five persons are known to have been killed and nine injured, some probably fatally, as the result of the wreck of a train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad three miles east of Trenton this morning, when passenger train No. 3, west bound on the road named known as the "California Special" was derailed.

All of the cars were overturned and the train soon caught fire, burning fiercely. The engineer and several passengers were badly injured. Two Pullman cars burned so furiously, it was impossible to extricate the passengers and it is believed many were burned to death.

The train was one of the heaviest and finest in the Rock Island service and consisted of a drawing-room sleeper, state room and drawing-room sleeper, buffet, library observation car, smoking room, tourist, dining car and three baggage cars. The train left Chicago at 9 o'clock Thursday night and was due to arrive in Kansas City at 10:35 a. m. today.

The cause of the accident is not known. The train was running at high speed. The heavy engine jumped the track and landed fifty feet off the right of way. The cars following, all left the track and all but one was tumbled over. Two Pullman cars that broke away caught fire. The crash came without the least warning and the passengers were unable to extricate themselves. Those passengers and members of the train crew who escaped went to work immediately and with great energy to aid those who were imprisoned in the blazing Pullmans but were unable to reach them, and it is feared most of those in the Pullmans will be burned to death.

The fireman is missing and is supposed to be buried under the engine, which turned turtle. Several of the injured were brought into Trenton later and placed in hospitals.

Dead and Injured.

The known dead include Fireman Lininger of Trenton, who was scalded and burned to death, and four passengers unidentified.

The injured are Engineer Millington, Trenton, who was scalded, but will recover.

William Flynn, agent for Cudaby Packing Company, Kansas City, shoulder broken and head cut.

J. Z. Orning, Davenport, Iowa, leg broken and head cut.

Steve Howard, Alabama, leg broken.

C. E. Spencer, Dallas, Texas, back sprained.

J. C. Childers, Anderson, Ind., sprains and bruises.

Mrs. Nancy Hamersley, Letts, Ia., badly hurt about head and may die.

Julius Meddlesome, Boston, Mass., slightly wounded.

David Seigle, Cleveland, Ohio, probably fatally.

The dead included two women whose bodies were taken from the chair car. Most of the injured were also in this car. All passengers in the burned Pullman escaped and, aside from bruises and slight cuts, none of these was hurt.

The number of those who lost their lives in the tourist car is in doubt. None are known positively to have escaped from this car and it is believed all of the passengers have been cremated.

Death List Grows.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—A long distance telephone message from Trenton this afternoon says the dead in the burned tourist car on the Rock Island train are estimated all the way from 20 to 30 persons.

BANK ROBBERS.

Made \$2,000 Haul in Arkansas Yesterday and Escaped.

Associated Press.

Vanndale, Ark., Dec. 31.—Two unidentified robbers held up Cashier Richards of the Vanndale Bank here late yesterday and, after securing \$2,000 made their escape.

GEN. ESTRADA
STILL REBELS

REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE DR.
MADRIZ AS PRESIDENT.

DECLARES ELECTION ILLEGAL

Declines Peace Overtures and Con-
tinues Preparations for Campaign
With March on Nicaraguan Capital
in View.

Associated Press.

Bluefields, Dec. 31.—General Estrada remains firm in his determination not to recognize the presidency of Dr. Madriz. He holds that the election of the latter by Congress was illegal and says the people of Nicaragua have not spoken. He has refused offers of peace through compromise from Managua and is continuing his preparations for a campaign against the capital.

Today the proposed attack on Greytown is under discussion. General Mena has arrived at Chile, after capturing a number of government soldiers and a supply of ammunition.

Madriz Needs Money.

Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Reports concerning the pressing need of the Madriz government to obtain a loan have been received in Washington. The state department itself is in receipt of a dispatch from Vice-Consul Caldera, stating that a loan is being given consideration by Nicaragua. The vice consul adds that military preparations continue in Managua.

POLICE KILLED
BANK ROBBER

PROBABLY FATALY INJURED
TWO OTHERS OF GANG.

Attempt to Rob Bank in Oklahoma
Today Resulted in a Surprise Party
for the Robbers, by the Valiant Po-
lice Force.

Associated Press.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 31.—An attempt made early today by a gang of robbers to rob the bank at Horrak, Okla., resulted in one of the robbers being killed and two injured perhaps fatally by the police, who surprised the robbers. The two wounded men were captured.

The dead man is known as Barnie Durbin and the wounded men give their names as Frank Carpenter and J. B. Dillbeck. It is believed Carpenter will die.

Guthrie, Dec. 31, 3:40 p. m.—The dead robber was later identified as Frank Quigg, the ball player who played in Oklahoma and Texas leagues.

TENNESSEE GOES DRY TONIGHT.

Booze Plants Must Close at Midnight.
New Law Will Be Tested.

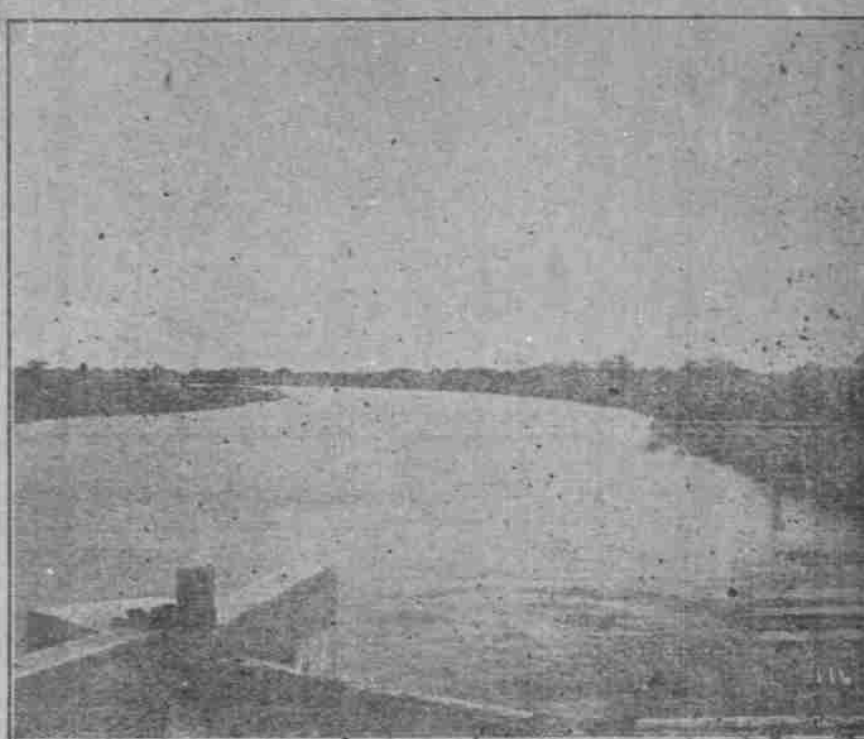
Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—All distillers and brewers in this state must close down their plants tonight at midnight, as the new Tennessee law forbidding the manufacture of intoxicating beverages within the borders of the state becomes effective then. Prominent whiskey manufacturers of the state admit that the new law will be tested in the court.

YOAKUM PARTY TO
ARRIVE TONIGHT.

B. F. Yoakum, president of the St. L., B. & M., among other jobs, B. S. Winchell, president of the Frisco with General Manager Rodgers, General Traffic Manager Doherty and Supt. J. D. Finnegan of the local road and some other Frisco road officials who have been exploring the branch today are expected to arrive in Brownsville some time this evening. They will remain here tomorrow and will spend the day looking over the lower country in automobiles.

The following committee was appointed this afternoon: C. H. More, president of the Business Men's Club to meet and entertain the party: Col. Uriah Lott, Capt. Wm. Kelly, C. L. Jessup, J. B. Sott, M. J. Slatery, Louis Brulay, C. B. C. L. Jessup, Louis Brulay, C. B. McCullom, F. H. Lindenberg.



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COLD CENTERS
OVER FLORIDA

TAMPA'S TEMPERATURE FELL
TWO DEGREES MORE.

Eastport, Maine, Coldest Place in
United States Today. Highest Tem-
perature at Corpus Christi and Ab-
normally High in West and North-
west.

Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—The cold wave which, during the past three days has given almost the entire country a taste of winter weather is central today over Florida, with Tampa showing a temperature of 26, two degrees colder than yesterday, and Jacksonville 28, a slight rise. It is not believed that any damage will be done to the orange trees as sap at present is low in the trees.

The coldest place in the United States today is Eastport, Maine, where a temperature of 7 degrees above is reported, while the other extreme is reported from Corpus Christi, Texas, with the thermometers registering 64. Abnormally high temperature for this time of year are reported from the West and Northwest.

TWO PACIFIC FLEETS.

Navy Department Divides Naval
Forces on Pacific.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31.—On account of the importance of American interests in the far East and the difficulty of administering the whole fleet as now constituted, the navy department has decided to divide the Pacific fleet into two separate fleets to be known as the Asiatic fleet and Pacific fleet.

COTTON MAKES
NEW RECORD

JANUARY, SELLS AT 16.86 IN
STRONG MARKET.

Flurry in Rock Island Fails to Excite
Wall Street—Profit Taking Sales
Cause Drop of 6 1/2 Cents Decem-
ber Wheat.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31.—When operators found that all January notices were being promptly taken the cotton market became firmer and before the end of the morning January sold at 16.86 or 7 points net high and at a new high record for the season while later positions showed a net advance of about 3 to 5 points.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Cotton spots were dull prices one point higher. American middling fair 8.88.

Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 31.—Small fractional advances varied by larger gains in special stocks marked the opening quotations today.

Rock Island was taken in hand again and marked up to 55, but advance had scarcely any effect upon the general market while was that less and narrow.

Grain Market.

December delivery declined today 6 1/2 cents from yesterday's closing figures as the result of "Profit taking" sales.

	Wheat	Corn	Oats
Dec.	112	61 1/2	43 1/2
May	111 1/2	66 1/2	48 1/2

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OF N. Y. CENTRAL ON REACH-
SEVENTY YEARS.

If in Service of Road Ten Years Pre-
viously, Or After Twenty Years'
Service at Any Age, If Unfit for
Further Work.

New York, Dec. 31.—Final prepara-
tions were made today by officials of
the New York Central and affiliated
roads of the system for the inaugura-
tion with the new year of the pension
system for aged employees, recently
decided upon.

The system is to be extended with-
out delay to the Cleveland, Cincinnati,
Chicago & St. Louis railway, the Bos-
ton & Albany railroad and the other
subsidiary lines forming part of the
New York Central system.

Tomorrow, when the plan becomes
operative the first batch of retire-
ments will be made and 1675 em-
ployees will be placed on the pension
list.

Under the plans adopted today em-
ployees on reaching 70 years are to be
retired, and if they have been con-
tinuously in the service ten years im-
mediately preceding their retirement,
they will be entitled to pension.

An employee who has been 20 years
in continuous service and has become
unfit for duty may be retired with a
pension although he has not reached
the age of 70.

Officials say the pension system to
be put into effect will eventually ben-
efit 10,000 of the line's employees and
will make necessary the distribution
by the New York Central of \$500,000
annually.

The scale of pensions is one per-
cent, for each year of continuous ser-
vice, based upon the average rate of
pay received during the 10 years pre-
ceding retirement. The system is be-
ing considered by a special board con-
sisting of eight of the officials of the
New York Central lines, headed by J.
Cartensen, A. H. Smith, C. D. Schaff
and A. H. Harris, vice-presidents.

Not Recognized by Washington.

Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The state
department will refrain for the pres-
ent from recognizing the Madriz gov-
ernment.

RUNAWAY GIRL STILL MISSING.

Not Believed That She Committed
Suicide as She Said in Her Letter.

New York, Dec. 31.—While private
detectives and city policemen have
not yet found Robertts De Janon, the
16-year-old heiress, who so strangely
disappeared from Philadelphia
Wednesday, they have discovered
facts which lead them to believe she
came directly to this city instead of
committing suicide as she intended in
her letter.

Robert Buist, grandfather of the
missing girl and with whom she lived
at the Bellvue-Stratford in Philadel-
phia, asked the New York police to
look for her and also for Fred K.
Cohen, a Bellvue-Stratford waiter,
nearly 50 years old.

WANT RIO GRANDE TRUCK.

Austin Hears About Our "Gar-
den Sash," Too.

Another of those suggestive
letters from General Traffic
Manager Wm. Doherty of the
Brownsville road relative to
outside demand for Lower Rio
Grande Valley truck products,
received this morning, is pub-
lished below:

Kingsville, Tex., Dec. 28, '09

Gentlemen:

Finks Brokerage Company,

of Austin, Texas, write me as

follows:

"We understand that ship-
ments of fresh vegetables such
as cabbage, lettuce, etc., are
now being made from points
on your lines, both straight and
mixed cars. We would like to
get in touch with the shippers
from whom we can get both
straight and mixed cars, and
will thank you to give us the
names of the shippers."

I would be glad if you would
do the necessary in getting
these people and your shippers
together.

Yours truly,

Wm. Doherty.